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1. SUMMARY JUDGING FROM PUBLIC RECORD AVAILABLE, CEAUSESCU'S JUNE 8-10 VISIT TO GDR (HIS FIRST THERE IN TWELVE YEARS) FOLLOWED MUCH SAME PATTERN ESTABLISHED DURING BREZHNEV VISIT HERE LAST NOVEMBER AND CEAUSESCU'S MAY TRIP TO WARSAW. ALL FEATURED STANDARD FRIENDSHIP RATLY AND PRODUCED JOINT DECLARATION PLEDGING TO EXPAND TIES IN ALL AREAS, AS WELL AS A RATHER BLAND COMMUNIQUE. HOWEVER, GDR VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED IN SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, WITH GDR SEEMING TO COME OUT AHEAD AT LEAST IN POLITICAL REAWY. CEAUSESCU CONTINUES HIS EE ROUNDS
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THIS MONTH WITH JUNE 15-16 BORDER MEETINGS WITH HUNGARIAN PARTY LEADER KADAR, FOLLOWED BY VISIT OF CZECH PRESIDENT HUSAK TO BUCHAREST JUNE 20-21. WE EXPECT PROLIFERATION OF DECLARATIONS TO CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

2. DECLARATION SIGNED WITH GDR DURING JUNE 8-10 CEAUSESCU VISIT THERE IS LATEST IN SERIES OF SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH

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ROMANIANS HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED WITH SOVIETS AND POLES,
AND ARE SOON LIKELY TO SIGN WITH CZECHS AND HUNGARIANS,
ALTHOUGH LATTER MEDPLIOVE TO BE AN EXCEPTION. GDR
DECLARATION APPEARS MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN THAT SIGNED
LAST MONTH WITH POLES, AND BEARS MARKS OF TOUGH BARGAINING,
WITH GOR BENDING SOMEWHAT ON POLITICAL ISSUES, PERHAPS IN
ORDER EXTRACT SOME ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS FROM EAST GERMANS
(VISIT FEATURED SIGNING OF NINE ECONOMIC ACCORDS).

3. DECLARATION IS LENGTHY DOCUMENT (ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS
TEXT VIA FBIS) WHICH PLEDGES TO EXTEND AND DEEPEN BILATERAL
COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS, INCLUDING IDEOLOGY, AND SPEAKS OF
PARTY RELATIONS AS BASED ON "MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN
INTERNATIONALISM" (LATTER TERMINOLOGY NOT USED IN POLISH
DECLARATION NOT IN BERLIN ECPC DOCUMENT). IN ADDITION DOCUMENT MAKES
STRONG STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR GDR STAND ON BERLIN AMI QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT, AND HITS HARD AT ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS
UNDER GUISE OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT BASKET III. INTERESTINGLY,
CEAUSESCU DWELT AT GREATER LENGTH ON THIS SUBJECT IN
IIS FRIENDSHIP RALLY SPEECH THAN DID HONECKER,
ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS BETWEEN SOCIALIST
AND OTHER STATES ON "HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS", BUT
URGING THAT IT NOT LEAD TO CONFRONTATION AT BELGRADE.
DECLARATION DOES NOT MENTION BALKAN COOPERATION, ONE
OF ROMANIA'S FAVORITE THEMES. SIMILARLY, LITTLE SPACE
IS GIVEN TO LDC AND NON-ALIGNED.

4. IN SPEECHES, HONECKER'S INCESSANT INVOKING OF SOVIET
NAME AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH CEAUSESCU,
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WHO SAID NOT A WORD ON THE SUBJECT. COMMUNIQUE NOTES
"IDENTITY OF VIEWS IN FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS EXAMINED", A
FORMULA WHICH WE DOUBT EXPRESSES REALITY, GIVEN KNOWN
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON CHINA FOR EXAMPLE. GOR PRESS
WRAP-UP ON VISIT FEATURED HONECKER'S PRAISE OF CEAUSESCSA
AS A "PROMINENT PARTY LEADER, POLITICIAN AND STATESMAN",
BUT FAILED TO MENTION "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" WHEN
SPEAKING OF PRINCIPLES. WE WILL BE SEEING THE EAST GERMANS,
AS WELL AS OTHER EE'S AND ROMANIANS IN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND
HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER FILL-IN ON VISIT WHICH WE WILL REPORT
SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. COMMENT: VISIT IS LATEST IN CEAUSESCU'S ROUND OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN TRIPS THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL CONTINUE
LATTER PART OF THIS MONTH WITH HUNGARIAN AND CZECH VISITS.
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ROMANIAN INTENTION IS TO SIGN THESE
JOINT DECLARATIONS WITH ALL EE'S. AS USUAL, HOWEVER, THEIR
SIGNIFICANCE WILL DEPEND MORE ON THE MANNER AND EXTENT OF
THEIR IMPLEMENTATION THAN ON THEIR MERE EXISTENCE.

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